

**INTERESTING FROM NEW ORLEANS.**

## ARRIVAL OF THE MATANZAS.

**In Consultation.**

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**Mr. Henry Thompson's Bequest.**

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gouls. Admiral Farragut has not come here with his feet for no purpose, and in fact I will tell you that all parties in this city declare that Mobile is about being attacked by Farragut on the water and the troops of General Banks on land. May their prophecy prove true.

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Commander-in-Chief of this department and his amiable lady played the host and hostess well, introducing each person to the Admiral, who shook all heartily by the hand. As usual, there was quite a majority of those fascinating ladies at the reception. During the ceremonies Gillmore's band discoursed some of the sweetest music ever heard in New Orleans. The whole affair passed off well and happily.

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The shocking and mysterious murder took place in the neighborhood a few days ago. It appears that a hunter, named Perin, started for Barrataria, in a small boat, with the proceeds of a cage of game which he had brought to town for selling. The boat was found in Harvey's canal, with the hunter's hat lying at the bottom, with blood all around it. There is no doubt that he was murdered for the amount of \$500, which he had brought to town. He was probably only a few dollars. The body has not yet been discovered. This morning one of the papers, in speaking of the affair, heads the article with "The Murder of the Hunter." The article is signed by the editor, Colonel N. A. M. Dudley's brigade of cavalry passed through the streets of this city on Sunday morning last, presenting a fine sight. This is the largest body of cavalry ever seen here before.

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**GENERAL KELLEY'S DEPARTMENT.**

**Route of the Rebels in New Creek Valley—**  
**Reoccupation of Burlington and Moor-**  
**field Junction—Raid on the Railroad**  
**and Telegraph—The Marauders Driven**  
**Off, etc.**

MR. T. C. WILSON'S DISPATCH.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN VIRGINIA,  
Feb. 26—8 P. M.

This morning Col. Mulliken advanced up the New creek valley, drove the enemy back, reoccupied Burlington, and then Moorfield Junction, in the Patterson's creek valley.

According to our first hundred of Gen. Rosecrank's rebel

Along with the railroad at North Branch and Patterson's creek bridges, six and eight miles from Cumberland, cutting the telegraph wires and attempting to destroy bridges. We drove the enemy off, however, before he could do any serious damage, and extinguished the fires. We lost a few killed and wounded. The telegraph will be up to-morrow, and the railroad is running over again in thirty-six hours. A portion of the Ringgold cavalry, Company F, of the Fifty-fourth Pennsylvania, and the One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Pennsylvania reserves, were slightly engaged. Trains arrived in night from Patterson's creek report the enemy being pursued.

General Kelley's combinations are working well. The cutting of the road is considered a trifling affair. Telegraph operators are out putting up the wires. A bridge repairing train goes out from Cumberland at daylight.

We have taken some prisoners.

**Capture of the Rebel Steamer Mayflower**

**by the Gunboat Union.**  
**PORT MONROE, Feb. 2, 1864.**

The United States steamer Union has arrived in forty-eight hours from Port Royal, bound to New York. January 14 captured the rebel steamer Mayflower in Sarasota Pass, Florida, loaded with cotton. January 31, off Charleston, heard heavy firing. The Union put into Hampton Roads to forward despatches.

**Address to the People of Arkansas.**

The undersigned, citizens of Arkansas, having been on to Washington, D. C., and consulted with the authorities, are happy to announce that an opportunity will be afforded, harmonizing with the action of our late State convention. Be permanently recognize our State government, and that for this purpose a popular election will be held in March, A. D. 1864.

The bare announcement ought to thrill every lover of humanity, of his country, and of law and order, with

We need no offer argument or appeal to induce you to act? In rebellion is anarchy and sorrow, and anguish, desolation and ruin irretrievable!

In coming home to our Government of our fathers we bring with us, baggage, protection and hope for the future.

We have been through much of the North and observed closely. The long and bitter agitation of the slavery question, has not been able to crush out of the hearts of Northern people their love for their Southern brothers. We will not be received back sullenly and bitterly, but by rejoicings and blessings.

For twelve year our sufferings and sorrows, and with open hands and willing hearts are ready to do their utmost to alleviate them when we return, but they are

We hope every man who loves his country and his home will go to work. There can surely be no need of further delay upon our part.

To our brothers and friends who are yet in rebellion we desire to say that an opportunity is offered to lay down your arms, save the opportunity of your property, and come in to the support of the government. It is not humiliating to support the government. It is not dishonouring. Your names are blazoned upon history books. The North, and that portion of the

South against which you have fought, will concede your heroism, how much soever they may condemn your course. Then be men. Be sublimers. Remember that you are flamed in battle. Come, and the world and good men will value and applaud you. Trust not to demagogues and ruinous politicians. They are wrecked and hopeless, and would destroy the last one of you in the mad attempt to save themselves. Every day your numbers diminish, and your hopes depart, and your future darkens. You owe it to suffering wives and impoverished children, to ruined communities and destroyed society, to your country and humanity, to abandon a struggle that is wrong and hopeless.

To the refugees from our State, who are scattered over the land, we urge you to come home and help us. Your principles have been tested in a crucible of fire. Your patriotism is noble and sublime. Many of your former abusers are now your most ardent admirers, and would urge you to return and give them your aid.

To one and all, with united hearts and hands, let us make a noble effort to rescue our distressed and bleeding countrymen, and with the

State from the grasp of northern slavery, and the sympathy of all good men, and the aid of the national government, we will again be free.

JOSHUA SNOW,  
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**ALL QUIET IN TEXAS,**  
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The papers to hand contain nothing important.

V. T. Dannez, an old and highly respected loyal citizen, had been appointed Chief of Police.

M. Derbes, United States Consul at Marseilles, and family, arrived on the 25th in the French bark *Taurus*, from Bordeaux.

**Mr. Henry Thompson's Despatch.**  
NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 26, 1864.  
*A Large Expedition Fitting Out—Admiral Farragut and General Banks in Conference—Mobile Probably to be Attacked—New United States District Attorney, &c., &c.*

There is no longer any use in disguising the facts from your readers that some important movement is about to take place in this department, as it is known to everyone in New Orleans.

Troops are being hurried across Lake Ponchartraine and landed at Madisonville; vessels, as remarked in my last letter, are manœuvring about the mouth of the Paragoula. Admiral Farragut has not come here with his fleet for no purpose, and in fact I will tell you that all parties in this city declare that Mobile is about being attacked by Farragut on the water and the troops of General Banks on land. May their prophecy prove true.

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During the war time there was a constant stream. The Commander-in-Chief of this department and the available lady played the host and hostess well, introducing each person to the Admiral, who shook all heartily by the hand. As usual, there was quite a majority of these fashionable people. The Admiral and his wife, Mrs. J. M. Gilmore's band discoursed some of the sweetest music ever heard in New Orleans. The whole affair passed off well and happily.

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Let us love the country and the people.

To our brothers and friends who are yet in rebellion against the Government, I say that opportunity is offered to lay down your arms, save the remnant of your property, and come in to the support of the government. I have said nothing to humiliate you. I have said nothing based upon history not humiliating. You are the North, and that portion of the South against which we have fought, will concede your cause. You are the true Southern heroes than when you were in battle. Come back and the world and good men will love and applaud you. Trust not to denunciations and ruined property. Do not destroy the last one of you in the hopes of saving the rest. Do not let your numbers be swept to save themselves. Every day your numbers diminish, and your hopes depart, and your failure darkens. You owe it to your country, to your fellow men, to your ruined communities and destroyed society, to your country and humanity, to abandon a struggle that is wrong and hopeless.

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